

REMARKS

Claim Status

The original application as filed included claims 1-10. A first Office Action was issued on January, 14, 2005, and an Amendment and Response was filed on May 9, 2005 in response thereto. The currently pending Final Office Action was issued on August 8, 2005, rejecting claims 1-3 and 5-10, and indicating that claim 4 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but was held allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants submit this Amendment and Response, after which claims 1-2 and 5-7 will remain pending in this application, with claim 1 as the only independent claim.

Claim Objections

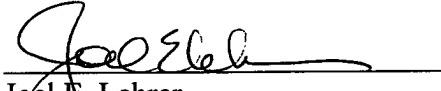
The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claim 4 is noted with appreciation. Applicants have redrafted claim 4 in independent form, incorporating the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and therefore submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the issuance of the claims in due course. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

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